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**TO:** Common Council; City Manager; City Attorney

**FROM:** Assistant Chief Ryan Dion, Whitewater Fire/EMS

**RE:** Whitewater FD Training Facility Fund Procurement

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All Involved Parties:

Whitewater Fire and EMS is over halfway through the process of constructing a department training ground featuring a live fire facility. This project has been fully funded by the C.G. Hickey Fund, a conduit account managed by the Whitewater Community Foundation. Bids are solicited, proposals are reviewed and then presented to the Hickey Fund overseers and the Whitewater Community Foundation for disbursement pre-approval. They function as monitors of the account to ensure the funds are being utilized in accordance with the conduit agreement.

Since the project launch, five such pre-approvals have been fully executed, and over \$330,000 has been invoiced and disbursed for various parts of the project for things such as site engineering and building acquisition. The next step is the project is the contract from Wanasek Corporation for the site preparation and foundation work. A fully executed pre-approval for the most recent portion of the project is attached.

To date, there have been no issues extracting money from the Hickey Fund to finance the project. All invoices have been paid in a timely manner. The project is currently on budget. I am in constant contact with the Whitewater Community Foundation account manager to ensure the Hickey Fund balance is sufficient to cover the ongoing costs of construction. We hope to have this project completed by summer of 2026.

AC Ryan Dion  
Whitewater Fire/EMS  
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